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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter  
21, relative to disabled persons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-21-110(a)(1), is amended by  
deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(1) A volunteer appointed under this section shall be a resident of the city,  
county or metropolitan government in which the volunteer program operates. The  
volunteer program shall be open to any person twenty-one (21) years of age and older,  
regardless of such person's disability status; provided, however, preference shall be  
given to an applicant with a disability.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-21-110(b), is amended by  
deleting all of the language before the colon and substituting instead the following:

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any county having a  
population of more than thirty thousand (30,000) according to the 1990 federal census or  
any subsequent federal census may establish a special enforcement unit for the sole  
purpose of providing adequate enforcement of §55-21-108 and local ordinances and  
resolutions relative to disabled parking, pursuant to the following provisions:

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-21-110(b)(2), is amended by  
deleting the second sentence and substituting instead the following:

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A member of the special enforcement unit shall not be considered to be a law enforcement officer and shall not make an arrest in the course of the member's official duties, but shall wear a distinctive piece of clothing such as a jacket, shirt, vest and/or hat with a law enforcement insignia along with a badge while on duty.

Tennessee Code Annotated, 55-21-110(b)(2), is further amended by deleting the third sentence and substituting instead the following:

The local authority or administrating agency may issue a communication device such as a police radio, citizens band radio, or cellular telephone to each member of the special enforcement unit for use while on duty;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-21-103, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(g) The department shall issue to any person with a disabled license plate and/or placard a clear-coated and color-coded sticker to be affixed to the lower, left-hand side of the backside of such person's driver license in the following scheme:

(1) A disabled person to whom a disabled license plate and/or placard has been registered shall receive a blue-coded sticker; and

(2) A person who is a parent, spouse, dependent, relative or professional advocate and is responsible for the transportation of a disabled person shall receive a red-coded sticker.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997, the public welfare requiring it.